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KILLS JEALOUS WIFE AND SELF IN HOTEL ROOM

H. C. Ruppert, Wealthy Richmond Man, Ends Quarrel With Bullets.

STORY IS TOLD IN DIARY

Dug Finger Nails Into His Face and Scratched Him, He Wrote.

BOTH HAD BEEN DIVORCED

Folded Dead Woman's Hands Across Her Breast as She Lay on Bed Before Shooting Himself.

Special to The Washington Herald.

New York, Nov. 11.—A wife's jealous rage bore its fruit in a double tragedy at a hotel here today. Henry Carl Ruppert, wealthy retired estate man, of Richmond, Va., shot his wife, then put a bullet into his own brain. A diary left by the husband told in graphic detail of their quarrels since they came to this city two days ago.

It was just after the luncheon hour at the McAlpin. The lobby was thronged with patrons. Then above the bustle were heard in rapid succession three shots. They came from the third floor, Henry Salmi, a hotel employee, rushed to room 211, whence the sound came.

The door was locked. The hotel authorities were summoned and burst into the room. The group stood arrested at the door by the scene within.

Woman's Body on Bed.

The little room contained two bodies. On the bed was that of the woman. She was lying across the center of the bed, her bare feet over the edge. She had just started to dress. It was apparent. She had on only a tiny kimono and the lightest of garments. Her shoes were on the bed beside her, one sticking still at hand.

A bullet had been fired into her head, close above her left ear. So near had the revolver been held, there were powder marks on the face. Her body was lying on the back, her arms folded across the breast. It seemed as if the husband, before ending his own life, had done this last service for the woman he had slain.

The man's body was found on the floor near the head of the bed. He was crumpled over in a world posture of death. One outstretched hand still clutched the bolt action revolver which had caused the double death.

He had been in front of a small, glass-covered table when he fired the last shot. On the glass had spread a pot of red foot across. As he fell the knob on the table had caught his shirt. It was still stretched as if suspending him when the door was burst open.

Shoulders Showed Fresh Scratches. His head was twisted so as to reveal where the bullet had been sent just over the right ear. The man, too, had not yet dressed. One garment was unfastened, and his shoes were off. His shoulders were covered with long scratches. Their freshness showed they had been inflicted by fingernails a short time before.

As if to write a synopsis of what had gone before, the husband left a diary of his doings for the past five days. It reveals the nerve anger of his wife. It also hints at the climax which created the tragedy. It is written on the letterhead of a Trenton, N. J., hotel. It reads in part:

"Yesterday, November 4—I sent Rosalie some sheet music. I go to the fair. Have supper there."

"Sunday, November 7—Go to church, Broadway and State streets, to men's meeting."

"Mon., Nov. 8—Get letter from Miss S. Pick up car in it from R. and Jessie. Get letter from Rosalie in which she says she will meet me in Baltimore. I called her up and she promised to be at the depot."

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He Fell in Love With Her Picture

—and she married him while her grandmother was being buried. Another short story? No. It's a true episode in the life of Lieut. John H. Towns, U. S. N.

Berlin's Battle to Burnish The Bazaars of Bagdad

Germany's attempt to re-establish empire where the most brilliant empires of history flourished in Oriental splendor thousands of years ago, where Biblical history was made and where the Garden of Eden stood at the beginning of all things human.

After "Innocent" Went Out of His Life

He who once was the beautiful Pauline Frederick's husband is once more the hero, so-called, in a fashionable divorce case.

ALL IN NEXT SUNDAY'S HERALD.

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POLICEMAN FOUND GUILTY.

Walter C. Allen Convicted of Simple Assault.

Walter C. Allen, a policeman, recently indicted by the grand jury for a simple assault, was found guilty yesterday by a jury in Criminal Division, No. 1, Chief Justice Covington presiding.

Policeman Allen was charged with striking William C. Hauptmann with his fist on a street car near Ninth and P streets, July 29, last. He pleaded not guilty. Considerable mystery was attached to the case.

SIX HURT IN AUTO PLUNGE

Mrs. William Work May Die. Husband and Son Injured.

MACHINE LEAVES ROADWAY, HITS TREE AND OVERTURNS

Druggist Says Auto Bus Passengers Saw Accident But Offered No Help.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Six people were injured, one probably fatally, when an automobile plunged from the Baltimore-Washington pike beyond Derwyn yesterday afternoon, struck a tree stump and overturned. The accident was witnessed by several passengers in an automobile bus operating between here and Baltimore, but no offer of assistance was made, it is said.

The injured are:

Mrs. William F. Work, concussion of brain and other injuries; condition critical.

Dr. Work, her husband, a druggist at 255 Georgia avenue, cut on face and body.

Robert Work, son, 10 years old, bruised.

J. S. Miller, a butcher in Center Market, living in Brightwood Park, injury to leg and bruise.

Mrs. Miller, left leg broken and bruised.

E. T. Elliott, Brightwood Park, sprained ankle and bruised.

Mrs. Work was driving the automobile, the Millers and Elliott being the guests of herself and husband. At the Work store, it was said, the accident was caused by the bus crowding the automobile off the highway. It plunged down an embankment, struck a stump and overturned.

Dr. Work was thrown through the windshield. A piece of glass was driven into his face and cut through his nose.

Mrs. Work was jammed against the steering wheel. She was unconscious for several hours. They were taken to St. Elizabeth Hospital. The other members of the party were taken to their homes.

Mrs. Merritt Is Shot From Auto

Wife of Former Postmaster Here Dangerously Wounded at Buffalo, N. Y.

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Special to The Washington Herald.

Buffalo, N. Y., Nov. 11.—Mrs. John A. Merritt, wife of the former postmaster of Washington, and former Third Assistant Postmaster General, was ridden with shot in the right breast, right side and neck when a blast was fired from a gun in a mysterious automobile, as the latter passed Mrs. Merritt's car in the Williamsville road, just beyond the city line, about 4:15 o'clock this afternoon.

Lying in the county hospital, with between 200 and 300 lead pellets in her body, Mrs. Merritt told her physicians that the car held six men. Though in a critical condition, much hope is held out for Mrs. Merritt's recovery.

Physicians removed about twenty superficial bullet wounds, but announced they will wait until Mrs. Merritt recovers from the shock before digging for the other shots. Had the charge zone a foot higher or even a trifle less, it would have been fatal.

Sheriff Stengel and an automobile load of deputies at once hastened to pick up the trail, but up until late tonight had not laid their hands on any definite clues. Mr. Merritt stated tonight he will leave no stone unturned to track down the men.

BULL AND COCKFIGHTS ABOLISHED IN MEXICO

Games of Chance Also Barred in State Near Capital City, Rules Gov. Molina.

Bullfighting has been abolished in the State of Mexico, according to an announcement made by the Carranza agency here yesterday.

It is stated that Gov. Molina has issued a decree prohibiting not only bullfights, but cockfights and all games of chance played with the hands or with dice.

He says these sports are prohibited on the ground that they are immoral and debasing in their influence upon the people.

Severe penalties are to be imposed upon all found guilty of violating its provisions.

To Put Brussels Under Martial Law.

London, Nov. 11.—An Exchange Telegram from Brussels, states that according to travelers from Belgium, Germany has decided to place Brussels under martial law, depriving the Belgian civil authorities of control.

TELL PROBERS OF STRONG TAX BURDEN HERE

Witnesses at Fiscal Hearing Refute Charges of Under-assessment.

WORKS BROADENS SCOPE

Turns Searchlight of Investigation on Valuations in 1915 Rolls.

WORRIED OVER D. C. "SURPLUS"

Would Be No Surplus If Congress Would Appropriate Its Share for Necessary Expenditures.

By JOSEPH P. ANNIN.

Senator Works, acting chairman of the Joint Congressional Committee of Congress, yesterday flung wide the gates of the investigation into the fiscal relations between the District and the Federal government and launched into a probe of existing taxation and assessment conditions.

After the joint citizens' committee had thoroughly discredited the George report of 1912, as well as its principal contributor, Herbert J. Browne, the latter demanded that the joint committee consider the George report as privileged and not subject to review without special authorization by the House.

Will Question Business Men.

But Senator Works declared that the committee took greater interest in the 1915 assessment than in the equity of the George report. Thereupon he decided the committee would question a lot of business men, a long list of whom was prepared on suggestions from all sides of the controversy.

Thomas Bradley, for the citizens' committee, has presented an exhaustive comparison of recent sales in all classes of real estate, with the basic values for the 1915 assessment, in behalf of the District. These sales represent about all the comparable transactions in District real estate in recent years.

Senator Works, however, desired the opinion of local taxpayers as to whether the present fixed rate of \$1.50 per \$100 of value on a two-thirds basis of valuation imposes too heavy a tax burden upon the District, taking the ground that if it does not impose such a burden, it is very evident that the government should not be expected to contribute one-half, inasmuch as for two years there has been a surplus of District revenues of more than one-half of the total amount appropriated by Congress for District expenditures.

Need Funds for Other Things.

Witnesses called by the citizens' committee to meet this contention took the position that though the tax burden was a little heavy, especially in view of the existing depression in the real estate market here, citizens of the District would gladly bear that much if the Federal government would match it and apply the total to necessary improvements in school, fire police, bridge, park, and other improvements which are needed now but are not contemplated directly under the economies which the Commissioners are forced to practice in preparing their estimates.

George Hove, a real estate operator, made an interesting witness for the committee, as did Col. George Truesdell, former District Commissioner and now a real estate expert. Mr. Hove was asked to give specific instances of overassessment of business properties. Among others, he noted the following which had come under his personal observation:

North side of Pennsylvania avenue between Twelfth and Thirteenth streets, property assessed (full value) at \$23,000, purchased by Rees for \$15,000 and sold by Rees for \$17,000.

Adjoining property, assessed on the full value basis of \$23,000, sold at auction for \$13,000.

Property on Fourteenth street northwest, assessed on full value basis of \$4,500, is on the market for \$31,000.

Southwest corner Fourteenth and L streets, assessed at \$7,200, is on the market at \$25,000 or less.

Eleventh street property, assessed on full valuation of \$2,400, purchased last year for \$2,400 and traded in since at a value of \$3,000.

Would Sell Them for Less.

"Personally," declared Mr. Rees, "I have a number of properties that I am willing to sell at very much less than the basis for the assessment."

"Have you any property that has been under-assessed?" asked Senator Works, despite Mr. Rees' objection that he did not care to go too intimately into his business prospects and anticipations.

"I will have to get you the details to answer that question; I haven't it at hand."

"So you hold many properties in the District for sale personally?" asked Representative Gandy.

"About twenty-five or thirty at present."

"How many have you offered for sale at a figure below the basic assessment?"

"I would have to look that up."

Col. George Truesdell, who followed

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THREAT TO KILL PRISONERS.

Alleged Statement in Book by Member of German Reichstag.

London, Nov. 11.—A Central News dispatch from Zurich states that Dr. Heinze, a liberal member of the German Reichstag, has published a book which contains the following statement:

"If the allies hope by hunger to rob the German armies of victory no German doubts that the general staff will ultimately expel millions of inhabitants from occupied territory and slaughter hundreds of thousands of prisoners who are consuming German food."

FIVE TO SIT IN WAR COUNCIL

Premier Asquith Announces Personnel of British "Inner Cabinet."

HOUSE OF COMMONS VOTES NEW \$2,000,000,000 CREDIT

Premier in Clash With Members Who Insists Kitchener Offered to Resign.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, Nov. 11.—The much discussed war committee, the cabinet within a cabinet, which will have absolute control of all matters relating to the conduct of the war, was formally announced by Premier Asquith in the house of commons today. It will consist of the following five ministers:

Premier Asquith.

Arthur Balfour, first lord of the admiralty.

David Lloyd George, minister of munitions.

Bonar Law, secretary for the colonies.

Reginald McKenna, chancellor of the exchequer.

In addition to this "big five," Sir Edward Grey, it was recently announced, will be called in for the discussion of all matters in which foreign relations are involved.

Accuses Premier of Duplicité.

During the debate on the proposed supplementary credit of \$2,000,000,000 a heated discussion arose on the suppression of the Globe. What raised the temperature was the declaration by Mr. Hodge:

"Lord Kitchener did tender his resignation, no matter what the Prime Minister may have said."

Premier Asquith replied: "The honorable member, while professing respect for me, charges me with being a party to deliberate and inexcusable falsehoods. Only two people know whether Kitchener did or did not tender his resignation. These are the King and myself. Kitchener never breathed one word of resigning so the member has accused me of deliberate falsehood intended to deceive the public."

Despite cries of "Withdraw" Hodge sat silent and did not accept an invitation to make amends to the premier.

The ghost of the Haldane scandal again came up to trouble the government. Haldane, who was lord high chancellor, was forced out of the cabinet early last summer because of his former friendship for the Kaiser and the public belief that he was pro-German in sympathy. In response to a question today Premier Asquith denied that Lord Haldane was now assisting in the administration of the war office. Sir Edward Grey created a sensation by coming to Lord Haldane's defense.

"At the time of Lord Haldane's resignation," he told the commons, "I myself expressed to the premier also a desire to resign. I would have done so, had it not been for the war crisis."

The house formally agreed to the vote of credit of \$2,000,000,000 asked by Premier Asquith.

She Ends Hike Of 3,000 Miles

Capital Woman, After Walk to 'Frisco, May Circle Globe.

A Washington woman yesterday completed a transcontinental trip on foot from the National Capital to San Francisco. She is Miss Minnie Hill, formerly in the employ of the Navy Publishing Company, which publishes the Navy.

Miss Hill left the Washington City Postoffice June 19 and arrived in San Francisco yesterday, according to a telegram received last night by her brother, H. A. Hill. Miss Hill walked the entire distance, averaging between twenty-five and thirty miles a day.

Her best time was made in Colorado, where on one day she covered forty-four miles. Miss Hill went by way of Cumberland, Pittsburgh, St. Joseph, Salt Lake City, Reno, and Sacramento.

Miss Hill is said to have taken the trip as the result of several wagers. She is an experienced hiker, having taken many walking trips through the White Mountains and through Canada. Miss Hill is a member of the Women's Pen League of this city. Her brother said last night that she is thinking of continuing around the world.

At Harper's Ferry, 81.25 Martinsburg, 71.50 Berkeley Springs, and 42 Cumberland and return, Baltimore and Ohio from Union Station, 8:35 a. m., Sunday, November 14. Returning same day.

ANXIOUSLY WAIT OFFICIAL REPORTS ON ANCONA'S FATE

State Department Admits Serious Possibilities Rest On Facts in Case.

PAGE IS URGED TO HURRY

Extraordinary Efforts Made to Secure Affidavits of American Survivors.

CABINET TO GET THE DETAILS

Cablegrams Expected This Morning Will Be Laid Before President Wilson and His Advisers.

The State Department is anxiously awaiting the arrival of affidavits from the American survivors of the Ancona for information as to the circumstances of the attack on the vessel.

These affidavits are hourly expected from U. S. Consul Young, in Tunis, numbers of the survivors having landed along the the Tunisian coast.

In the meantime the State Department is making extraordinary efforts to obtain information from other sources. Yesterday Ambassador Thomas Nelson Page, in Rome, and the American consul in Naples were requested to send all available facts. Other measures were also taken to insure to this government the widest possible information on the case.

Whatever in the way of proof concerning the manner in which the Ancona met her fate has arrived at the State Department by this morning will be submitted to the Cabinet when it meets at 11 o'clock. Secretary of State Lansing expects to have sufficient information to enable him then to outline, at least in a general way, the real facts of the case, which is regarded as fraught with grave possibilities.

Grave Questions Involved.

Even if it is proved that the actual facts of the sinking of the Ancona agree with the press reports that the vessel tried to escape, contrary to recognized rules of international law, State Department officials say that serious questions will still be involved.

The following are some of the questions which the officials of this government expect to ask in determining the course of action of the United States:

Was the submarine an Austrian vessel, or was it in fact a German submarine flying the Austrian flag?

Has a German submarine the right to fly the flag of its ally, Austria, and commit an act which Germany has assured the United States would not be permitted?

Did the submarine shell the crew and passengers after the vessel stopped as claimed unofficially?

Was the Ancona armed and capable of destroying the submarine?

Has Austria regarded as binding the agreements between Germany and the United States as to the limitations and obligations on submarine warfare?

Inasmuch as no charge of violation of international law has yet been made against Austria, the American Ambassador at Vienna has not yet been requested to ask an explanation of the Austrian foreign office. That such a request will follow the receipt of any incriminating evidence against that country is not denied.

Americans Are Warned.

The general opinion at the State Department is that if the United States feels that it is called upon to make representations in the Ancona case, Austria alone will be dealt with. At present officials are disposed to accept the fact that the submarine flew the Austrian flag as proof that it was not a German vessel.

The unofficial reports that the submarine actually fired on boat loads of women and children caused anxiety at the State Department and it was said that if this report is substantiated, it will be made the basis of a special protest to the Austrian government.

The only new information received by the department on the Ancona case, up to a late hour last night, was from American Consul White, at Naples. His telegram follows:

"The Societa Italia non report that the following American citizens were aboard the steamship Ancona:

"First—bin, Mrs. Cecile L. Grid.

"Steering, Alessandro Patatito, wife and four children; Mrs. Francesco Marcello Lamura, and minor child, and Pasquale Laurino, and that 35 passengers and crew were reported as saved out of 66. The steamship company are confident that more will be reported as saved."

COMPARED TO CANNIBALS.

Italian Press Bitter Against Men Who Sank the Ancona.

Milan, Nov. 11.—Indignation in Italy over the sinking of the Ancona is intense. The Rome Giornale d'Italia says:

"It is a typical example of the innate ferocity of such an enemy. This time there can be no cynical pretext that the ship had a cargo of war materials. One has to turn to the history of cannibal tribes for acts of similar bestiality. The only thing left for the Teuton barbarian to complete his assimilation to his cannibal congeners is to eat the flesh of his human victims."

STOPPED SHIP AT FIRST SHOT

Ancona's Captain Denies That He Tried to Escape Submarine.

MANY SURVIVORS, HOWEVER, TELL OF A LONG STERN CHASE

Two Submarines Appeared, Some Say, Flying the Austrian and Then the German Flag.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, Nov. 11.—While tales of red horror and slaughter filter over the cables tonight from Mediterranean ports where the sunken Ancona's survivors were taken, officials in Rome were busy sifting a mass of conflicting testimony to arrive at the truth.

They are trying to determine in the first place, whether the Ancona endeavored to escape from the pursuing submarine, or whether she was murderously bombarded while at a dead stop. Passengers on the big liner told of a stern chase. Capt. Massardo, her commander, declares he stopped the engines at the first warning shot from the submarine five miles away. They are trying to find out whether the submarine stood off and shelled the helpless steamer as her passengers battled madly to reach the lifeboats, and whether the lifeboats, were shelled, or whether shots were fired merely to hasten the removal of passengers.

About 150 Lives Lost.

Collation of reports leads to the belief that the loss of life will be more than 150. How many of the victims were Americans is still to be definitely determined. Ten Americans are known to have been on board, and one Mrs. Cecile Grid to have been saved. In all, 95 persons were aboard the lost liner.

The first stories of survivors reaching her tell of a long chase in which the fifteen knot liner was slowly overtaken by a submarine flying the Austrian flag, which fired shells from two deck guns as it came on in the Ancona's wake. These survivors deny the story of Capt. Massardo that the Ancona did not try to get away. They also deny the stories of others, of the ship's officers that the submarine stood off and shelled the Ancona as the frantic passengers fought madly to get into the lifeboats. They declare that much of the loss of life was occasioned by panic, that scores fell overboard and were drowned in the mad crush to escape.

Say There Were Two Submarines.

Others stories are to the effect that not one, but two submarines took part in the chase and that when they neared the Ancona they struck their Austrian colors and ran up the German flag.

Survivors at Malta, according to dispatches reaching here tonight, told of a long, stern chase, in which the submarine, firing the first warning shot from a distance of five miles, gradually overhauled the Ancona.

Instead of bringing his vessel to a stop, they say, Capt. Massardo ordered full steam ahead and tried to outrun the undersea boat.

Capt. Massardo and his officers flatly deny that the Ancona endeavored to escape, according to dispatches from Tunis. The veteran skipper asserts he ordered the vessel stopped at the first shot from the submarine. He charges that the crew of the submarine kept firing while passengers were being disembarked, and that men, women, and children were mowed down.

CHINESE WOMAN WILL BE SPEAKER TONIGHT

Miss Fung Hui Lin, a graduate of the Boys' College of Canton, China, and the first girl to enter a Chinese university, will be a speaker at a meeting under the auspices of the Social Service Department and the Parents' League at Mount Pleasant Congregational Church, Fourteenth street and Columbia road, at 7:30 o'clock this evening.

Miss Fung, whose name means "Consecration," has been in this country eight years—since she was seventeen. She was graduated from Wellesley with the degree of bachelor of arts and from Columbia with the degree of master of arts. She is working for the uplift of women, and supported herself in college by delivering lectures throughout the country. Now she is on her way to Canton to open a women's department in the college there.

While she is in Washington Miss Fung is to address the College Women's Club and the Twentieth Century Club. She is the guest of Mrs. Edith K. Kern.

Harry B. Bradford will give a lecture on "An Artist at the Zoo," for which he will draw the illustrations. C. W. Burrows is president of the social service department, and Mrs. L. F. Keble is president of the Parents' League.

The meeting will be open to all social workers and parents who are doing community work, in particular, and the public in general.

GERMANS FALL BACK TO WEST OF RIGA; SHIPS SHELL COAST

Russians Delivering Heavy Attacks at Many Points Along the Teuton Front in the Baltic Region.

MAKE ADVANCE FROM DVINA

Czar's Troops Take Many Prisoners in Capture of Borsmuende Farm—Success at Volzhia Is Claimed by Berlin—Artillery Duels in West.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, Nov. 11.—A further German withdrawal west of Riga is admitted by the Berlin war office tonight, the entire forest district west and southwest of Schlock having been evacuated.

Berlin claims that the Germans withdrew from this district because it had been transformed into a morass by the heavy autumn rains. Meanwhile, heavy attacks are being launched at other points of the German front in this region, while Russian warships in the Baltic are keeping up a vigorous bombardment of the German coast positions.

Relieved of the menace of attack by superior squadrons by the British submarines which are infesting the waters in this vicinity, the Russian warships have been able to render valuable aid to the land force.

England Is Near To Conscription